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In re Application of: MICHAEL D. BULLOCK ET AL.
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For: PRACTICE PUTTER AND HEAD ✓

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following Claims to read as indicated

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1. A putter comprising:
a shaft having a grip disposed at an upper end;
a putter head disposed at a lower end of the shaft that comprises:
a single, solid, unitary body having a front surface with a relatively small, centrally-
5 located, flat ball contact surface that comprises a sweet spot of the putter head and lateral
portions that taper rearwardly away from the ball contact surface.

9. In a putter having a shaft with a grip disposed at an upper end and a putter head
disposed at a lower end, wherein the putter head comprises:

a single, solid, unitary body having a front surface with a relatively small, centrally-
located, flat ball contact surface that comprises a sweet spot of the putter head and lateral
5 portions that taper rearwardly away from the ball contact surface.

REMARKS

Regarding the status of the present application, Claims 1 and 9 have been amended and
Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully
requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being
unpatentable over US Patent No. 3,489,415 issued to Smith in view of US Patent No. 5,135,228
issued to Hawkins, Sr. Notwithstanding the Examiner's rejection, it is respectfully submitted
that the present invention is not obvious in view of the Smith and Hawkins, Sr. patents, taken
singly or together.